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REF:A)STATE 094255, B)USNATO 2432, C) STATE 093362

1. WE INFORMED NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF APRIL 27 THAT US CAN ACCEPT TARGET DATE FORMULATION TRANSMITTED IN REF B. SUBSEQUENTLY, DANISH REP TOLD US THAT, CONTRARY TO HIS EXPECTATIONS, HIS AUTHORITIES WISH TO RESERVE THEIR POSITION ON THIS MATTER. ACCORDINGLY, DANISH DELEGATION HAS REQUESTED THAT A FOOTNOTE APPEAR AT THE END OF PARA 76 OF REPORT STATING THAT "ONE DELEGATION HAS RESERVED ITS POSITION". IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 1 OF REF C, WE HAVE REMINDED BOTH IS AND DANISH DELEGATION THAT WE CANNOT APPROVE THE REPORT UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

2. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD HOLD FIRMLY TO OUR CURRENT POSITION AND RESIST SUGGESTIONS THAT POLADS ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A FORMULA TO SATISFY THE DANES. SUCH A COURSE WOULD RISK, IN OUR VIEW, THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHERS--SUCH AS THE GERMANS--MIGHT

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WISH TO REOPEN THIS ISSUE. RATHER, THE PRESSURE SHOULD BE KEPT ON THE DANES TO LIFT THEIR RESERVATION. SINCE DANISH DELEGATION HERE HAS INDICATED TO US THAT IT FAVORS SUCH A COURSE, BUT CANNOT PERSUADE ITS AUTHORITIES, WE RECOMMEND A PROMPT DEMARCHE IN COPENHAGEN STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS THE NEED TO MAINTAIN ALLIED COHESIVENESS AT BELGRADE.

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